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Applicants: Axel Friese et al.

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For : **TAMPON, ESPECIALLY FOR FEMININE HYGIENE, AND A
PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING THIS**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 8, 1996, the time
for response thereto having been extended by the accompanying
Petition for Extension of Time (three months) and appropriate fee
therefor to April 8, 1997, please amend the above-identified
application as follows and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTIn the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 4, line 6, after "blank 11.", please insert -- As can be
seen from Figs. 1 and 2, the tampon has no structure which
restrains its radial expansion.